Piling up of Foodgrains in FCI Godowns in Bihar

†142. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains sent by other States have been piled up in the godowns of FCI in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As on 1.2.2001, against total storage capacity of 6.09 lakh tonnes, food stocks with the Food Corporation of India in Bihar are only 5.07 lakh tonnes.

Distribution of essential items at cheaper rates in Maharashtra

†143. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the assessment of the number of such families in Maharashtra which would be provided with sugar, wheat, rice etc. at cheaper rates;

(b) whether Government have issued any guidelines regarding distribution of these items;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) As per the Government of India estimates the number of families living below poverty line

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